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Food Poisoning of NDA Candidates
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether hundreds of NDA cadets fall ill due to food poisoning in Pune;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken in the matter and the steps being taken by the Government to avoid such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) & (b): Madam, only one such instance occurred on 10th September 2015 wherein 293 cadets reported severe indigestion. After having breakfast and lunch at Cadet Mess of NDA, affected cadets complained of abdominal cramp and few reported with mild symptoms of vomiting and loose motions. Approximately 50 cadets were treated as outpatient since they had mild or no symptoms, balance cadets were administered necessary medication and sent back. Only 08 cadets were detained overnight in Military Hospital, Khadakwasla and they too were discharged by 1000 hrs on 11th September 2015.

(c) Madam, Various preventive and corrective actions have been initiated by the institute which include:-

(i) Food handlers including cooks, waiters & masalchis are checked regularly for symptoms of contagious diseases as also skin infection. Infected persons are not allowed to work in Cadet Mess.

(ii)
Heavy duty hot air blower has been installed to dry wet crockery & cutlery.

(iii) Case taken up to install industrial grade RO Water Plant at Cadet Mess in addition to MES water treatment plant.

(iv)
Sub zero temperature is being ensured in deep freezer for storage of Meat products.

(v) All samples of Meals are being kept in Deep Freezer cold room duly labelled and marked for 48 hrs.

(vi)
Regular anti-pest, anti fly rodent measures are in place to ensure that there is no pest infestation in Cadets Mess.

(vii) Regular medical checkup of all food handlers including cooks being done once in a quarter.

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